

Michigan HIV/AIDS Council (MHAC)

The Michigan HIV/AIDS Council (MHAC) is mandated by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to develop a HIV prevention plan, which includes the collaboration and coordination of HIV prevention, care and treatment. The Council meets four times a year in the Lansing area, and mileage reimbursement is available for those who request it, with priority given to people living with HIV/AIDS. Members will be expected to attend these meetings and participate on committees and workgroups.

The MHAC Mission is to represent the diversity of those affected by HIV/AIDS in Michigan, maintain parity among prevention and care issues, and to develop and sustain a statewide comprehensive plan(s) for HIV/AIDS prevention and care.

Categories of Membership:

The MHAC Policies and Procedures defines two categories of membership: 1) Voting members and, 2) Advisory members. There are 40 voting members on MHAC. It is the goal of MHAC to represent the epidemic relative to behavior/risk category, geographic distribution of the epidemic, age, and race, and to select members based also upon their specific expertise and/or perspectives into particular areas of interest to the council.

Voting members:

There shall be four categories of voting membership on MHAC and each category has a specific number of seats allocated by the number of votes in each category. Membership shall be selected in the following categories following submission of an application from interested persons.

1) Persons Living with HIV/AIDS Four (4) votes/seats shall be allocated to this category.

2) AIDS Service Organizations/Community-Based Organizations/Non-Governmental Organizations Eight (8) votes/seats are allocated to this category. The goal is to select individuals with specific expertise and/or perspectives into a particular constituency of interest to MHAC, and not to assign votes to a particular organization or agency. Staff, board members or members of a specific organization are eligible in this category.

3) Local Public Health Four (4) votes/seats are allocated to this category. Following submission of an application by interested persons, two members will be selected who are employed by a local public health department considered to be in a rural area, and two will be selected from local health departments considered to be in urban areas. Votes are not granted to a specific local health department, but are granted to the individual person based upon their expertise and or perspectives into particular issues of interest to MHAC. Ruralness is defined as an area located outside of Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSA). MSAs are areas which include core counties containing a city or several smaller cities totaling 50,000 or more people and a total area population of 100,000.

4) Community Members Twenty-four (24) seats/votes shall be allocated in this category. Following submission of an application by interested persons, twenty-four persons will be selected in this category based upon the current profile of the HIV/AIDS epidemic in Michigan and with the goal of achieving inclusion, representation and parity as defined by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Supplemental Guidance on HIV Prevention Community Planning.

MHAC Policies & Procedures

Michigan HIV Prevention and Care Definitions and Acronyms

Current Statewide Epidemiological Profile

Prevention Comprehensive Plan

Care Comprehensive Plan

Care Statewide Coordinated Statement of Need

Care Needs Assessment

Scheduled 2012 MHAC meetings

2012 MHAC Member Application